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Notice of Changes in Board of Animal Health Procedures for Animal Health Checks at Indiana Exhibitions

In 2002 the Indiana State Board of Animal Health changed its longstanding policy of checking certificates of veterinary inspection and animals at the Indiana State Fair, county 4-H fairs, and other exhibitions held in Indiana. During the 2002 season, the Board did not attempt to be at every county 4-H fair to check in livestock and review health documentation.

The Board is further curtailing inspections at exhibitions because of the continuing budget shortfalls at the state level and competing priorities for limited resources. The Board of Animal Health agency policy on exhibition inspections by Board personnel has been changed until further notice as follows:

1. Indiana State Fair

- The Board plans on providing some level of inspection at the Indiana State Fair.

2. Indiana County 4-H Fairs

- The Board will not provide inspection service at county 4-H fairs. (Therefore, the Board will not collect information on check in times for livestock at each county fair as in past years.)

3. Other Exhibitions

- It is unlikely that the Board will provide inspection service for exhibitions other than 4-H shows. Organizers of these shows may request inspection service from the Board by contacting the Board office at (317)-227-0346. The state veterinarian will decide if Board staff will cover a show after considering all factors.

As always, please call the Board office if you have any questions or concerns about exhibition requirements. Please note that the exhibition requirements are legal requirements that animal owners must meet even if Board staff may not be available to check at every show.

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